(iv) In case the proposal seeks any exemption from any of the prescribed conditions, it would require approval of the Union Cabinet.

(v) All reserved activities to be performed at the airport by Central agencies like immigration, customs etc. would be on cost recovery basis.

Modernisation of Delhi Airport

4157. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI DARA SINGH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the Delhi International Airport (P) Ltd. (DIAL) which was assigned the job of modernising the Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport as well as to decongest the airport, is reportedly going very slow in its work; and

(b) if so, what instructions his Ministry have issued so far to DIAL for early implementation of measures to decongest the IGI Airport so as to avoid long queues right from the entry gates to security check counters/immigration checking counters and also to save the passengers from missing their flights?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) The modernization and development of IGI Airport, Delhi by M/s Delhi International Airport Pvt. Ltd. (DIAL) is progressing as per schedule. The progress is being regularly monitored by the Government.

DIAL and other agencies concerned are endeavouring to minimise inconvenience to the passengers during the transition phase.

Losses of Domestic Airlines

4158. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether various airlines in India have bled losses of around Rs. 2,000. crore in 2006-07, despite a 30 per cent growth in revenues, that is nearly seven times more than previous year's Rs. 301.74 crore losses;

(b) whether his Ministry's estimates provide a clear indication of the financial State of India's nine domestic carriers while their cost of operation has gone up considerably, growth in revenues has not been proportional;

(c) if so, the main reasons for the continuous losses; and

(d) what steps Government proposes to take to improve the position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) The Government does not analyze the financial performance of private airlines.

(c) Some losses particularly during the initial years of operation are factored-in by airlines in their business plans and are due to high start-up costs. Other reasons indicated